GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Safety and Security of Foreign Tourists
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the safety and security of tourists;
(b) whether it is a fact that due to the incidents related to safety and security of tourists the number of foreign tourists is on the decline and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has instituted any structured mechanism to tackle with the offensive incidents against domestic and foreign tourists in several tourists religious places in different States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(e) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose during the last two years and the current year, year/State-wise and tourist place-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Ministry of Tourism has taken various measures to ensure the safety and security of tourists including foreign tourists. The details are given at Annexure.

(b): No, Madam. The number of foreign tourists arrival (FTAs) in India has shown continuous increase in last three years. The number of FTAs in India during 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as under:
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2014 7.68 million
2015 8.03 million
2016 8.80 million
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(c): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists, is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): At present, Ministry of Tourism does not have any separate scheme to allocate funds for safety and security.

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